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1. IZVESTIYA AUGUST 4, PRAVDA AND SELSKAYA ZHIZN AUGUST 5 CARRIED A LONG ARTICLE ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FIVE-YEAR PLAN DIRECTIVE ON LAND IMPROVEMENT. NO NEW INFORMATION OF SIGNIFICANCE ANNOUNCED. ARTICLE IS SIMPLY A REHASH OF PROGRAM DISCUSSED AT 25TH CONGRESS, E.G., 1976-80 FIVE YP CALLS FOR 4.17 MILLION HECTARES FOR IRRIGATION AND 4.71 MILLION HECTARES OF RECLAIMED OR DRAINED LAND, WHICH WE REPORTED LAST DECEMBER AND JANUARY. ONLY CHANGE NOTED WAS INCREASE IN LAND AREA PROJECTED FOR IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT -- UP FROM 4.0 MILLION HECTARES PROPOSED LAST FALL.

2. TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN PROJECTION SHOWS NO ACCELERATION OVER PREVIOUS FYP 1971-75 WHEN TOTAL ALSO NINE MILLION HECTARES IMPROVED -- 4.5 MILLION BROUGHT UNDER IRRIGATION AND 4.4 MILLION HECTARES DRAINED. LARGER INCREASE IN AREA TO BE RECLAIMED THIS FYP WOULD PROBABLY ACCOUNT FOR INCREASE EFFORTS TO BRING AREAS OF NON-CHERNOZEM UNDER ACTIVE PRODUCTION.

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3. THIS IS THIRD SUCH DIRECTIVE THIS YEAR IN WHICH MAXIMUM  
NEWS PLAY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE AGRICULTURAL  
ACTIONS WHICH CONTAIN NO MAJOR NEW DIRECTIONS. OTHERS WERE  
FERTILIZER AND AGRI-INDUSTRIALIZATION. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN  
WHETHER SIMILAR POLICY WAS FOLLOWED IN 1971 PRIOR TO  
ADOPTION OF NINTH FIVE YP. IN 1976, WITH MEAT AND VEGETABLE SUPPLIES  
SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW LAST YEAR'S IN MANY AREAS THERE IS AMPLE MO-  
TIVE TO PUBLICIZE AGRICULTURAL MEASURES WHICH SHOULD MEAN IM-  
PROVEMENT IN FUTURE.  
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